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MEMORANDUM

August 1, 1950

TO : Dr. Roy V. Peel
Director
Bureau of the Census

FROM : Secretary Sawyer

SUBJECT: Request of Commerical Attache, Hungarian Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to a letter prepared for my signature by your Bureau, addressed to the above, enclosing certain publications.

As you know, the policy of the Department is to decline all requests for Departmental publications received from Russian satellite or so called "Iron Curtain" countries. During the month of May an exception was made for your Bureau in the case of a request from Czechoslovakia where it was considered that an exception might be made for reasons given by your Office at that time.

However, international conditions have very materially changed since then. It is not considered that an exception should be made in this case. Your letter is therefore returned unsigned with this suggestion that the request be tactfully declined.